

Friends and Partners,

Our hearts continue to go out to the many who have been affected by the spring storms, tornados and flooding. As we move through hurricane season we will undoubtedly continue to face significant weather events. Our federal and nonprofit partners including FEMA, the State Service Commissions, Hands On, National VOAD members, all of our grantees and the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) have extraordinary disaster response capabilities and have been working tirelessly for many months. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment demonstrated by these extraordinary groups. If you would like to learn more about you can help visit www.serve.gov or <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/howtohelp.shtm>

The CNCS DSU would also like to take this opportunity to thank Iris Dooling for her service and commitment to supporting the agency's disaster service efforts. Please join me in wishing Iris well as her time with the DSU comes to a close. I feel confident there is a very lucky office with an open position that will waste no time in recruiting this incredibly talented individual. Thank you, Iris, for your service. You will be missed.

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Alabama Tornadoes

Severe thunderstorms, winds and massive tornadoes moved through the South on April 27, 2011 and caused significant damage and loss of life.

NEW Reported Number of AmeriCorps Members Serving in Alabama to date:

Total number of volunteers coordinated by the Alabama State Commission and All Hands on Disaster: 54,300

Average number of volunteer service hours under the authority of Serve.Alabama: 217,200

Senior Corps: Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region campus

AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region Campus

Washington Conservation Corps

Southwest Conservation Corps

VISTA

Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)

National Preparedness & Response Corps

Current National Service assignments include:

NCCC Atlantic region Campus

- Jefferson County (Birmingham, AL) – working with ALL Hands in the call center and completing incoming work orders
- Walker County (Jasper, AL) – working with the Walker County LTRC to complete work orders and assessments
- Jackson County – working with local Faith-Based leaders to complete work orders
- RSVP recovery and relief projects are ongoing throughout the state

Tasks include but are not limited to: Debris removal, Warehouse work, Donations management, Volunteer coordination, Supply coordination, Volunteer Reception Centers

Recovery Partners include but are not limited to:

Alabama State Service Commission, FEMA, Hands On Disaster, CitilImpact, Temporary Emergency Services, United Saints Recovery Project, Bay Area Food Bank, United Way

Volunteers can register at 211 or by visiting www.ServeAlabama.gov Donations can be made by visiting www.ServeAlabama.gov (the Commission utilizes Aidmatrix (the National Donations Management System)).

COLORADO

Wildfires

Gusty winds and high temperatures are hampering firefighters trying to protect homes and dry patches of forest from several wildfires burning throughout the Southwest.

NEW NCCC Southwest Region

Members from the NCCC Southwest Region responded to the Bear Creek Fire near Colorado Springs, Colorado on July 5-6. The fire was 2.3 acres but was in very steep and woody terrain. This fire was on the Wildland Urban Interface so there was a large amount of air support with retardant and water drops. The team was deployed with the El Paso County Sherriff's Office, Emergency Services Division.

Pike National Forest, CO

Deployed: June 13, 2011

Eleven members of the NCCC Southwest campus responded to a wildfire in partnership with the US Forest Service-Pike National Forest. The initial response from Water 6 was on Monday, June 13 and they conducted mop up and hose lay. Their support ended at 9:30pm that evening.

El Paso County, CO

Deployed: June 7 - June 10.

A nine-member AmeriCorps NCCC team worked on the 44,662-acre Bear Springs Callie Marie Complex Fire in Otero County's Pinon Canyon on June 7 and 8. conjunction with this crew, the team helped to suppress the fire through line construction and a burn out operation to help preserve a historic ranch. From this location, the AmeriCorps team was sent to spend June 9 and 10 on the Navajo Fire in Teller County amounting to 59 acres. Working closely with the National Forest Service, the AmeriCorps NCCC team conducted a cold trail mop-up on the urban-wildland interface.

Fairplay, CO

Deployed: June 8-11, 2011

On June 8, 11 members responded to a US Forest Service request for initial response to a fire located in the Pike National Forest at Kenosha pass, by Fairplay, Colorado. The team conducted a direct attack to the fire including digging saw line, in addition to control line, mop up, hose lay, and hazard tree removal.

Leadville, CO

Deployed: June 8, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team responded to a fire in Leadville, CO.

Colorado Springs, CO

Deployed: June 1, 2011

June 1st. The fire was at a tomato factory about half an hour outside downtown Colorado Springs. The team acted as relief and support to local firefighters already on the scene. The team helped

rake out berms of compost and identify any areas still burning.

Fort Carson, CO

Deployed: Sunday, May 22, 2011

Five members of an NCCC team working in Colorado Springs, CO with the El Paso County Sheriff's Department were deployed on a fire on Sunday, May 22nd.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Flooding

Mississippi River Spring flooding is affecting riverside counties and towns in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas. Pressure on levees led the Army Corps of Engineers to blow up a section below Cairo, Ill, inundating 130,000 acres of farmland while saving the town. As the excess water makes its way downstream, levees are stressed and rivers that empty into the Mississippi have no outlet, backing up and flooding even more land.

Situation Update and RSVP Activity

Miles of farmland in Union County, which borders the Mississippi River on IL s/w border and is part of the Shawnee National Forest, are still under water. Communities are now addressing the aftermath – bugs and mold, lack of supplies for clean-up, morale, threat of more flooding due to recent rains. The local RSVP Director is working in partnership with the Illinois VOAD and RSVP volunteers will help distribute, complete and collect SBA loan applications.

IOWA

Tornados

On April 9, 2011, multiple tornadoes hit Central Western Iowa and caused significant damage.

Flooding

Weeks of relentless flooding have plagued portions of Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri. Forecasts predict that the Missouri River could stay above flood stage until August.

NCCC North Central Region

Ottumwa, Iowa

Deployed: Monday, June 20-30th

Seven AmeriCorps NCCC members from the North Central Region will be deployed to Ottumwa, Iowa on Monday, June 20th. The team will work with the Wapello County Long Term Recovery Committee to gut and muck homes that were flooded in 2010.

NCCC North Central Region

Council Bluff, IA

Ten NCCC members and other volunteers will partner with the Iowa State Commission and others to do canvassing in Council Bluffs for pre-evacuation education and general welfare assessment.

AmeriCorps, VISTA, RSVP

Council Bluffs, IA

June 18-19, 2011

AmeriCorps State and National, VISTA , and RSVP volunteers helped notify approximately 3200 residents in Council Bluffs, IA that their homes would be impacted by flooding. 40 – 60 national service participants went door to door on Saturday and Sunday morning to alert residents.

Center for Siouxland Agency

Sioux City, IA

May 31, 2011-June 16th

The Center for Siouxland agency in Sioux City, IA is a Volunteer Generation Fund grantee of the ICVS' and had recently started work on developing the Siouxland Volunteer Center (SVC). The SVC was in its infancy stages when the controlled releases from Gavin's Point, SD began to increase and impact the Sioux City community along its river banks. There was a threat to the water supply as there were several water wells along the river. Many homes and business were also in threat of flood waters as the Missouri river began to rise from the historical amounts of water being released from the dam. The Woodbury County EOC put the newly formed SVC in charge of disaster volunteer coordination . The attached report is the work that they completed since May 31-June 16th. The majority of the work was sandbagging and coordinating volunteers.

Keepers of the Land AmeriCorps

- Members have been deployed to help in flooded areas along the Missouri in the coming weeks, participating in sand bagging, managing volunteers and assisting homeowners with evacuation.
- Members helping in western Iowa will be working out of the Siouxland Volunteer Center in teams of 15 for week-long periods. They will be working at least the next three weeks and may be through early August.
- The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Keepers of the Land AmeriCorps program, with its nearly 100 members, normally focuses on caring for and engaging in environmental stewardship and awareness in Iowa's state parks, forests, fisheries and wildlife areas. AmeriCorps members work to link urban populations to nearby fishing opportunities, help state park visitors participate in healthy activities, engage school children in activities designed to connect them to their environment, improve water quality, restore wildlife habitat and construct new outdoor recreation trails.

Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

- Volunteer Generation Fund grantee New Volunteer Center of Woodbury County in partnership with IA Commission staff are assisting with donations and volunteer management in Woodbury County
- AmeriCorps members and IA Commission staff are assisting staff call centers, filling sandbags, overseeing volunteers
- Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps members are working on rebuilding homes post-tornado

Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps program (ICAP)

Storm Lake, Iowa

- Recent tornadoes left heavy damage to several communities in northwest Iowa. AmeriCorps members in ICAP who are serving at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, have volunteered with coordinating service projects in three counties (Sac, Buena Vista, and Pocahontas). AmeriCorps members have been sent mainly to farm homes, but have done continual projects in five specific regions. The members have also collected clothing, blankets and monetary donations to assist with the cleanup. On the university's

day of service ("Buenafiction" Day,) AmeriCorps members served as site leaders and led over 100 of their peers in tornado clean up. Projects are continuing and they send groups out sometimes daily. Their AmeriCorps members have been instrumental in direct service with the efforts, but also the behind the scenes work with coordinating service sites, follow ups, and mapping out projects.

KENTUCKY

Flooding

Simultaneous Spring flooding along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers has led to damaged property and displaced residents.

Tornadoes

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Homeland Security Corps (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District)

All shelters in the area have been closed. 15 people were sheltered overnight during the flooding. Several hundred meals were served from shelters during the crisis. Members served day and night at shelters during the flooding, working 12, 14, and 16 hour shifts. Several members assisted with damage assessment, Red Cross Service Site operation, and in distributing clean up kits for the Red Cross. Fourteen Homeland Security Corps AmeriCorps members have served 781.25 hours of volunteer service in this effort.

Senior Connections AmeriCorps Program (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District-GRADD)

An AmeriCorps member at the Big Rivers Red Cross in Owensboro, KY was sent to Paducah, KY for two weeks to assist with flood recovery and training. Several members have been involved in damage assessment for the Red Cross and Emergency Management in the region. This process continued for several weeks because as flood waters continued to recede, more damage was revealed. Several members have also delivered Red Cross Clean Up Kits to residents affected by the flood. Several members at senior centers have had increased activity at their service sites, due to shelters being set up and operational at their site in order to serve those affected by flooding. Six Senior Connections AmeriCorps members have served 402.50 hours of volunteer service in this effort.

Green River Area Development District (GRADD)

AmeriCorps members and GRADD staff have volunteered at shelters in Daviess, Henderson, Union and McLean counties. Other staff members assisted with sand-bagging and damage assessment in preparation for FEMA's arrival in the flooded areas. All shelters have now been shut down; they are no longer necessary at this time. Eleven CERT-qualified GRADD staff have served 101.50 hours of volunteer service in this effort.

Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)

Members are still responding in McCracken County as well as other counties in the Western half of the state. Members are all still supporting ARC disaster response efforts. .

MASSACHUSETTS

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Tornadoes

On June 2, 2011, multiple tornadoes hit western and central MA including Springfield, MA and caused significant damage and injuries.

For information on how to assist visit: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Springfield-Massachusetts-Tornado-Info/158436660890746>

NCCC Atlantic Region and City of Springfield, MA

Springfield, MA

To be deployed: June 8-25, 2011

One AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Atlantic Region will be deployed to Springfield, MA to assist with debris clean up, and cutting up trees.

MISSISSIPPI

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Tornadoes

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Natchez Sr. Corps

Sr. Corps members are staffing a call center and working with seniors in the affected area.

Mississippi Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP

Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are coordinating volunteers in Lafayette County, under the direction of the RSVP Program Director.

Mississippi Lauderdale County Senior Corps RSVP and United Way of East Mississippi, American Red Cross

Volunteers are answering phones at the United Way of East Mississippi. RSVPs are also assisting the Red Cross as volunteers at the Union Baptist Church south of Meridian.

Mississippi AmeriCorps State Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM)

Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM) are assisting their communities in the response.

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Joplin, MO Tornado

On May 22, 2011, a massive EF-5 tornado hit Joplin, MO and caused significant damage, injury, and loss of life.

NEW Total Volunteer Hours served through the AmeriCorps run Volunteer Reception Center:
116,678
Total Volunteer Hours in Joplin: 258,482
Total National Service Members Currently in Joplin: 112
Total NCCC Members to date in Joplin: 130

National Service Programs Represented in Joplin:

Senior Corps: Retired Senior Volunteer Program
AmeriCorps St. Louis (5/23/11-present),
AmeriCorps NCCC: Denver Campus (5/23/11-present),
AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region Campus (6/30/11 – present)
Washington Conservation Corps (5/24/11-present),
Iowa and Minnesota Conservation Corps (5/27/11- present)
HEAL AR: Little Rock, Arkansas (5/27-5/30)
Trail Rangers of St. Louis (5/27/11-5/31/11)
Environmental Corps at American Youthworks-Texas (6/1/11-present)
Northern Arkansas Habitat for Humanity
Harvester's of Kansas City
Missouri Riverway
AmeriCorps Alums
Southwest Conservation Corps
TCCC Hoopa

MONTANA

Flooding

NEW The Governor of Montana signed an executive order on Sunday 5/22/11 declaring a Statewide Emergency due to the flooding across the state. Emergency response personnel and the National Guard mobilized to respond to the needs throughout MT communities. Montana's request for the Presidential Disaster Declaration was approved 6/17/11. Since this time, NCCC has been in conversations with the MT State Program Specialists, the DES Volunteer Coordinator, an RSVP Director in Musselshell County, and the Musselshell Valley Community Foundation, all of whom are working to coordinate response and assistance.

NEW NCCC assistance has been specifically requested in Musselshell County. Due to the devastating flooding of the Musselshell River in May 2011, there is great need for assistance with clean up. Thus far, 20 to 25 Musselshell County ranchers and residents have requested assistance to restore their homes, out buildings and farmland. The Musselshell Valley Community Foundation (MVCF), a nonprofit organization which serves the upper and lower Musselshell Valley region, is requesting the assistance of an NCCC team to support cleanup efforts throughout the community. Materials, equipment and point of contact will be provided by each landowner/resident with assistance from MVCF members.

Montana State Commission, AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region, Montana Conservation Corps

Montana Conservation Corps is currently sandbagging in Bozeman and Billings.

Programs are in communication and are on standby and ready to deploy their members as needed.

AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region has been in communication with the MT State Commissions re: response to state-declared disasters due to flooding.

Senior Corps, RSVP

Senior Corps projects are active in disaster response throughout the state- have been helping with evacuations, supporting American Red Cross, and Salvation Army delivering meals. RSVP paired up with local high school students in Livingston doing sandbagging. RSVP members assisting at-risk seniors pump out their homes. Senior Corps conducting a statewide collection for donated food and necessary supplies

Richland/McCone RSVP

RSVP Staff met with Red Cross to determine how they can help. The Health Department and other organizations will be purchasing generic flood kits to be distributed by volunteers. They will also be running PSAs and information on how to safely clean your flooded basement and other precautions. Links to sites listing flood information will be posted on the Health Department web and facebook page, as well as RSVP's facebook page. Volunteers will be activated to support efforts.

Area II RSVP

RSVP is contacting the DES Coordinator in Wheatland County to see how they can help. They have already had several requests to help people move belongings to higher ground. Needs identified so far are sandbagging, helping with road blocks, getting information out, and potentially helping those needing to evacuate.

NORTH/SOUTH DAKOTA

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Flooding

Spring flooding in the Missouri River caused by snowmelt and heavy rains have prompted evacuations and displaced residents.

NCCC North Central Region and Lutheran Disaster Response

Ten AmeriCorps NCCC members from the North Central Region will depart on Tuesday, June 7 for Williston, North Dakota. They will be working with Lutheran Disaster Response to assist residents that have been impacted by 2011 flooding. Members will clear debris from homes, sanitize and remove sheetrock/paneling as needed.

Senior Corps and AmeriCorps

The Corporation's Senior Corps and AmeriCorps programs are involved in assisting in not only the larger towns mentioned above but smaller communities that line the Missouri River in evacuating and sandbagging their own properties as well as helping others do the same.

National service members are operating call centers, assisting at emergency shelters in Pierre, Bismarck, and Minot, ND.

Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions

FGP and SCP volunteers are continuing to serve children and the frail elderly as they are confronted with the problems of flooded homes, etc.

ND RSVP

RSVP volunteers are manning call centers, assisting at shelters in schools, churches and other facilities, providing food preparation and service to volunteers and other tasks as necessary. The Central ND RSVP office in ND state capitol city of Bismarck formalized an agreement with RSVP to facilitate disaster-related volunteer dispatch as the city wanted a one-stop shop to manage that part of the emergency plan. RSVP in Bismarck has a MOU with the city of Bismarck to coordinate all volunteers

North State Commission

Bismark, ND

North Dakota State Commission staff is helping sandbagging efforts in Bismark, ND in anticipation of significant flooding along the Missouri River.

TENNESSEE

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Tornadoes

Severe thunderstorms, winds and massive tornadoes moved through the South on April 27, 2011 and caused significant damage and loss of life.

Volunteer Tennessee

Greene County, TN

Volunteer Tennessee staff is assisting in recovery work in Greene County, TN in a rural area that was heavily affected.

Atlantic Region NCCC and Greene County Emergency Management Agency

Greene County, TN

To be deployed: June 10-30, 2011

An AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Atlantic Region will be deployed to Greene County, TN to assist with light-medium chain saw work. Members will also separate materials related to complete home/mobile home destruction, recycling of related materials and relocation of materials to within 25 feet of main roads for the Tennessee Department of Transportation to use grapple trucks to remove debris. Additionally, there is a need to educate residents about removing and cleaning of their properties.

Memphis AmeriCorps Members

Members are volunteering their assistance with sandbagging, delivering meals, and volunteering at local shelters.

Red Cross Rural Initiative

The state-wide Red Cross Rural Initiative project has generated 91 VISTA-recruited Red Cross volunteers in the Bradley (Cleveland), McMinn, Meigs Polk County region.

Volunteers have received Red Cross training and 22 of them were/are active as a result of the recent tornado activity.

Tennessee Campus Compact VISTAs

Bradley County, TN

Two VISTAs, currently serving with the Tennessee Campus Compact, have been involved in recovery and one VISTA member was asked by local EMA to be the point of contact for the county.

Alexian Brothers-RSVP

Chattanooga, TN

RSVP has several volunteers working in disaster response at the Salvation Army warehouse. The RSVP project is collecting non-perishable food, water, etc.

UTAH

Flooding

Spring flooding along many of Utah's rivers have prompted evacuations and displaced residents.

NEW NCCC Pacific Region and Friends of the Green River PACT

Green River, UT

Currently Deployed

One AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Pacific Region is working in Green River, Utah on the flooding response in Green River. Members are filling and laying sandbags.

VERMONT

Flooding

Spring flooding and heavy rainfall in Vermont caused flooding along rivers, streams and Lake Champlain and resulted in significant damage.

AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region, Vermont VOAD and Southern Baptist

Barre, VT

Deployed: June, 7-25, 2011

Two Atlantic Region AmeriCorps NCCC were deployed to Barre, VT in response to severe flooding at the request of the Vermont VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). Southern Baptist will provide training and supervision. Teams are mucking and gutting homes.

WYOMING

Flooding

Spring flooding continues in parts of Wyoming as mountain snows continue to melt and causes damage to property.

Wyoming State Commission and NCCC Pacific Region

AmeriCorps Pacific Region NCCC has been in communication with the WY State Commission re: response to state-declared disasters due to flooding. The WY Commission has been tasked with managing volunteers, and have indicated that they may need NCCC assistance in setting up/opening at least 3 VRCs; no official request has been received.

RESOURCES

Over the years RSVP has established a strong reputation within the disaster services community as a reliable and effective volunteer force. RSVP members can be highly effective in times of disaster and have been heavily engaged in supporting human needs efforts with local volunteers who are culturally competent and experienced at human services work. The sponsoring organizations for RSVP programs in disaster effected areas have typically been flexible about diverting volunteers to disaster recovery in the short term. This is a story we need to effectively tell and we can't do this without you!

If a disaster event is occurring within your state – chances are RSVP members are engaged. To assist us in telling the RSVP role in disaster response and recovery we ask that you please provide our office—as soon as you are aware:

- The name of the RSVP program engaged in disaster service
- The number of RSVP members participating
- A general summary of the type of work or activities they are engaged in and include any quantifiable numbers available (number of volunteers registered, food distributed, etc).
- And -- updates to information already provided as you become aware of good human interest stories and/or additional impact information.

We assume that disaster response information will most likely fall outside of the monthly report timeline. That's why we ask that you provide information as it is occurring. Please send your information directly to Kelly DeGraff @ kdegraff@cns.gov, Sandy Scott @ sscott@cns.gov and Zach Rhein @ zrhein@cns.gov.

Montana Flooding Resources

DES and National Service Volunteer Community Network Directory (<http://serve.mt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/DES-and-National-Service-Volunteer-Community-Directory-Updated-5.31.11.pdf>)

Serve Montana Flood Resources (<http://serve.mt.gov/?p=6512>)

The Volunteer Center (<http://volunteer.truist.com/uwyellowstone/volunteer/>) to register as a volunteer with the American Red Cross or Salvation Army

Build Montana (<http://www.mtnonprofit.org/content.aspx?id=2751>) to look for volunteer opportunities

South Dakota Flooding Information

Be Ready South Dakota, Emergency management:

<http://www.breadysd.com/> or call the hotline at 1, 866 446-5324.

About CNCS DSU

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) maintains a sustained commitment to disaster services through the Disaster Services Unit (DSU). The DSU is charged with coordinating the agency's activities (preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery) across departments and programs. The DSU has a strong focus on building external relationships with national, state, and local leaders from the nonprofit, government and private sectors that are critical to success in this field. The CNCS disaster services unit is housed within AmeriCorps NCCC and has agency-wide responsibility for coordination of CNCS disaster services activities.

Disaster Services Unit Website - Compiled Disaster Briefs can be found here!

The CNCS Disaster Services website is now live! http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/disaster.asp

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